

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Consideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 and 20-22 remain in this application.
Claims 16-19 have been canceled, without prejudice.

Restriction has been required between Claims 1-15 (Group I) drawn to a gas discharge lamp with a salt pool, Claim 16 (Group II) drawn to a gas discharge lamp with electrodes differing in thickness or material, Claim 17 (Group III) drawn to a gas discharge lamp with sections of walls of a discharge chamber that differ in thickness or materials, Claim 18 (Group IV) drawn to a gas discharge lamp having a radiation layer and Claims 19-22 (Group V) drawn to a gas discharge lamp having a heat shield.

Responsive thereto, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, without traverse and without prejudice to, inter alia, Applicants' right to pursue the canceled claims, as well as a generic claim, in a divisional application.

Accordingly, Claims 16-19 have been canceled. Claim 20 has been amended to depend from Claim 1. Claims 21 and 22 have been amended to take into account their dependency

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on Claim 1 through intervening Claims 21 and 20,
respectively.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted
that the present application is in condition for
consideration by the Examiner. A Notice of Allowance is
earnestly solicited.

If any informalities remain, the Examiner is requested
to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite
allowance.

Please charge any fee deficiencies and credit any
overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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